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MONTANA'S HIGHWAYS

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Bright, modern look for Highway Complex

The photograph above shows the architect's rendering of the proposed new Helena headquarters complex. The design provides 202,475 square feet of floor area and will house the 650 headquarters employees. The com-

plex includes a three-story highway administration building, with a basement and sub-basement; a two-story vehicle administration building and a one-story materials testing laboratory. A 14" x 36" full color ren-

dering of the complex was presented to the Montana State Highway Commission at its last meeting in June. Presently, headquarters employees are scattered about Helena in at least nine locations.

EEO Seminar staged in Helena

A two-day Equal Employment Opportunity seminar which attracted over 75 persons from throughout the state was held Wednesday and Thursday, June 23rd and 24th in the Montana State Highway Commission auditorium, Helena.

Lieutenant Governor Thomas L. Judge and State Highway Engineer Lewis M. Chittim gave the opening addresses. Sidney Smith, Helena, Commissioner of Labor was the master of ceremonies.

Jim Adams, EEO officer said that guest speakers included Alexander Gaither, director, Office of Civil Rights for the Federal Highway Administration, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Alvis W. Caliman, special assistant for the EEO Department of Medicine and Surgery for the Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C.; and Robert Magnuson, EEO Officer for the Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Seattle.

Purpose of the seminar was to further the coordination of efforts by the various departments, and promote a better understanding of equal

employment opportunities for minorities in the state.

Panel discussions were held throughout the two-day affair. Among those present were Allen Schellenberger, Civil Rights director for the Western Region, Federal Highway Administration, Portland, Ore., who assisted in the closing address; and Mike Papich, Job Corps director for Eleven Western States, Butte, who was on the State training program panel.

Remember: "Highways tie all the other modes together."

—Highways USA, May '70

Chittim urges extension of Highway Trust Fund

The Federal Highway Trust Fund is in serious trouble, according to Lewis M. Chittim. Under existing law, the Highway Trust Fund is scheduled to terminate on September 30, 1972, unless something is done to extend its life.

Chittim said since the adoption of the accelerated highway program in 1956, all Federal funds for the Federal-state highway program have come from taxes paid by highway users into the fund. After the termination date, there is no provision for carrying the Interstate system program forward to completion, or to do much to continue Primary or Secondary road projects.

According to word received from the American Association of State Highway Officials in Washington, there are heavy pressures to divert the fund after 1972 for the solution of mass transportation problems, among others, in urban areas.

Chittim said the national road building leaders feel certain we must extend the Trust Fund for road building purposes at present levels until 1985.

Although the major emphasis has been on completion of the Interstate system, the Fund has also strongly supported the Federal-aid Primary and Secondary systems and their urban extensions. Almost 30,000 miles of the Interstate system is opened to traffic and more than 236,000 miles of projects on the other road systems have been completed.

Meanwhile, ever-increasing motor vehicle travel and use have outstripped our highway capacity. Since 1956, the number of motor vehicles in use has increased 61 per cent. From now to 1980 an additional 28 per cent increase is anticipated. Between 1956 and 1980 the number of vehicle miles

traveled is expected to more than double. Thus, highway needs in many areas—such as in the suburbs, where population growth is greatest—are increasingly acute.

All highway users are urged to make their views known to the proper officials.

Learning pays for highway employees

The personnel office reports so far that 20 employees have received refunds for all or part of tuition or fees for off-hour courses. This is the result of implementing the educational refund plan announced March 25th.

The Montana State Highway Commission announced at that time that an employee will be eligible for reimbursement of 50 or 100 percent of his costs in taking an approved course for the purpose of improving his job knowledge and proficiency.

Eleven persons are currently enrolled in eligible courses, one of whom is a woman, the personnel office said.

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Missoula	Clara Neely
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News items of interest to Highway Department employees are invited. They should be given to the correspondents listed above.

First class washout at Quake Lake



This is what the Quake Lake road washout looked like from the air shortly after the rampaging Madison river gouged away about a mile and

a quarter of Highway 287, below the visitors' center. As this is written, cleanup and repair are well underway. (NOTE: Opened 7-2-70)

Retirement for Wells after thirty-eight years

Fred W. Wells, secondary roads engineer for the Montana State Highway Commission, retired at the end of May after 38 years with the state agency, and was honored at a coffee party in the Commission Room.

Mr. Wells was born in Chicago, Ill. and attended schools there. He first came to work for the Highway Commission in 1929 as a chairman in the Kalispell division. His subsequent positions included instrumentman, rodman, and project engineer in Kalispell and Libby, until his resignation in 1943 to accept another position on the West Coast.



He rejoined the department in 1947 as a project engineer. Later he was promoted to resident engineer, district maintenance engineer, division maintenance engineer, and division engineer.

In 1962, Wells was transferred to Helena and promoted to secondary roads engineer.

He is a member of the Helena Mineral Society, the Elks, and the Masonic Order. He and his wife, Laure, will maintain their home in Helena. They expect to entertain their daughter and her husband and children this summer when they come here from Okinawa.

Appeal!

Do you have a story or picture of interest to our Highway Family? If you do, please mail it or them to the Information Office, Helena. Mark on the back of the picture, near the top or bottom border, if you want the item returned.



Dick Miller battles litter the logical way

Richard Miller, division maintenance supervisor, Bozeman, has met the litter problem head-on by initiating a new program in his division which is operating successfully.

Last year Miller began installing litter barrels every 15 or 20 miles along all primary highways in the division.

"I felt that making a place to deposit litter, available to the traveling public, would do more for eliminating litter than any other method I could think of," Miller said. "So along this

line, I had the shop design a barrel stand," (as pictured above).

The stand is made of treated wood and is painted dark green; attached to the stand are two thirty-gallon barrels with plastic liners. Miller said, by attaching the barrels permanently to the stand and using plastic liners, barrels are not banged around. As a result, they last much longer.

Miller has had the barrels placed on scenic turnouts, at historic markers, and other convenient turnouts along the primary highways.

There are 29 locations in the division, other than rest areas, where the litter barrels are placed. Advance signing alerts the tourist to the presence of the receptacles.

Neat - and sweet

Susan Hagler, Helena, Eastern Montana College student, assists tourists who visit the Capitol complex. Her information desk is located in the Montana Highway Commission building lobby. At her post for the third year, Miss Hagler is equipped to answer tourist questions about scenic and historic points of interest in the state. The visitor information center is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during June, July and August.

And some teenagers feel that once they pass the driver test, they should pass everything.

—From Jan. 70 Missouri Highway News



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Missoula

The Missoula division introduces MOHAMMAD HANIF of Lyallpur, West Pakistan, who arrived in the United States on March 19, 1970, and was employed as a rodman for the Avon-Helmville project, with headquarters at Lincoln.

MR. HANIF reported for work on April 20, 1970. He possesses B.S. degrees in physics, chemistry, and civil engineering. Prior to coming to the United States, he was employed as assistant engineer in the Irrigation Branch of the West Pakistan Government, Public Works Department, working mainly on river erosion studies. He also served in the Public Works Department on design of structures and maintenance of roads and buildings. MR. HANIF also spent some time with a textile concern as a civil engineer, which work consisted mostly of installation of tube well-and-water supply systems. From July of 1956 to March of 1970, he was employed by the Arabian American Oil Company of Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, first as a surveyor, then as an assistant engineer, and again as a surveyor. In the latter position, the major part of his work was in the field of electronic and geodetic surveys, star observations, hydrography and offshore control surveys, onshore electronic traverses cross country, location, demarkation and construction control of offshore facilities such as sea islands, pipe lines, channel studies, and other general survey work.

—Clara Neely, Missoula

Lewistown

ELMER BIANCHI, maintenance supervisor at White Sulphur Springs recently hooked his snow plow blade into a soft shoulder and upset his truck over a steep bank. He injured his neck and shoulder—claims that his seat belt saved his life. He is back on the job again.

Among the Lewistown bowlers who brought home a little of that Miles City bowling tourney money were: LEO and BERNICE MYERS, JACKIE MYERS and BEA KNERR,

LEONA SPRING, GLADYS HARCHARIK and LEONA LAHN and BUD JOHNSON. A splendid job was done on the Miles City tourney. We hope Lewistown can do as well next year.

DAVID AICHER received many bruises when he was run over by a tractor while feeding livestock in April; recovered now. He will be working for the Forest Service during the summer, then on to Electrical Engineering at Bozeman this fall. DAVID is the son of MR. and MRS. PAUL AICHER. PAUL is maintenance supervisor at Harlowton.

LOWELL A RATHBUN, P.E., division engineer at Lewistown, has resigned from the State Highway Commission and will be leaving Montana for Minnesota some time in June.

VERN D. BORDEN of Kalispell will replace LOWELL as division engineer.

New Hires:

PAUL PAVLAK, combination man in the Lewistown shop; JAMES (BUTCH) KRAUSE, JAMES REEVES, BARRY HADELLA, ALLEN LANDRU, VAL MURRI, JR., DANA GLATZ, JOHN WAGNER, MICHAEL JUDGE and ROBERT OLSWESKI, all engineer aides for construction department. STEVE STEPHENSON, rodman was transferred to Miles City division as an instrumentman. JOE BRAUNBECK, is now an instrumentman after taking the test and CARL W. PARK is now a resident engineer II.

ALEX RAGENOVICH, division office engineer at Lewistown, just finished a very successful year serving as Grand High Priest for the Masonic Lodge. He and his wife BERNICE have traveled over the state attending meetings the past year and both enjoyed it much.

BEA KNERR, clerk II of Lewistown, will step down from the Sr. Regent's chair for the Women of the Moose. She also has had a successful year, and as a reward, her Chapter will participate in the ritual ceremonies during State Convention, as one of the top five chapters in the state.

—Bea Knerr, Lewistown

Butte

Retirement

A no-host retirement dinner was held at Lydia's in Butte on April 3, 1970, to honor four maintenance men from the Butte division. The men are FRED PATTERSON from Divide; JOE BOYLE, MARTIN MARSHALL and ED CARLSON all from Butte. Together these four men served a total of 77 years for the Highway Department.

TED KIECKBUSCH, maintenance supervisor from Townsend retired on April 30, 1970. TED had worked a total of 35 years for the department. MORRIS NYDEGGER has been chosen to replace TED at Townsend. And another new face is that of JOHN FITZPATRICK who has replaced ED CARLSON as a mechanic in the Butte shop.

Hats off to MICKEY DOHERTY for advancing into his new position as maintenance supervisor for the Butte area. He replaced VIRGIL TRIPLETT who resigned.

Rough Break

CLIFF DEAN of the Butte office recently found that walking on crutches isn't quite as easy as it may look. He took a spill on his Honda and broke his left ankle. While he can't jog too well yet, he says he still plans on doing some fishing this summer. No luck with the HELLS ANGELS now, CLIFF.

VINCE DOWNING of the Butte lab, recently won first place in the doubles event of the Montana State bowling division. He has received a nice trophy and a check in the amount of \$100.00. Now how about treating us—eh, Vin?

MR. and MRS. JIM COTTRILL are parents of a baby girl born on March 4 in Helena. JIM is employed on the McDonald Pass maintenance crew with JOE PIERCE.

The MATT VRANISHES of Dillon became the proud parents of a baby boy, MARCO, born on May 17th in Dillon. MATT is a resident engineer in the Dillon area.

Promotions

The following men have recently received promotions in the Butte division: CHARLES T. FAVA, CLAUDE J. FLYNN, ROBERT J. KELLY, MERLYN JOHNSON, BILL BIRKENBUEL, LOREN MATKIN, JIM TRANKEL, MATT VRANISH, WILLIAM TAMIETTI

JR., WILLIAM G. MALONEY and WALTER J. TRESCH.

Summer Hires

A hearty welcome to the summer hires in the Butte area. They are DAN LEE, DAN DUFFY, BOB STENSLAND and ED LOBE for maintenance; with GREG LIENEMANN, CATHY PAFFHAUSEN, TOM SMITH, and JOHN ZBITNOFF on construction.

—Judy Combo, Butte

Havre

Awards

Sixty years of service with the Montana State Highway Commission were recognized recently as four employees received service awards for years completed.

MR. R. W. FREEMAN, division engineer, presented a 25-year pin to WILLIAM J. NEELY, division materials supervisor; a 15-year pin to GERALD STABIO, instrumentman and a five year pin to DAVID WOLLAN, rodman. MR. ROBERT MONTGOMERY, of the GVW section, received a 15-year pin.

Promotions from our division are as follows: LOREN E. BRANDT, RICHARD E. EDWARDS, ROBERT A. PASSOW and GORDON TREFTZ, all rodmen, were promoted to instrumentmen; MICKEY J. NASSET, engr. aide 2 to rodman; ROBERT H. BURNS and IRVING R. SPANGLER from maintenance man I to maintenance man II and HARVEY S. EMBODY, resident engineer I to resident engineer II.

A son was born to MR. & MRS. ROBERT A. PASSOW, of Shelby on March 22nd.

A retired mechanic, EDWARD MEJIE passed away on April 30th. He had taken his retirement in 1956. Pallbearers were all Havre maintenance employees who had worked with MR. MEJIE: WARREN THOMPSON, TOM BULMAN, RICHARD WINTER, RUBEN KOHLMAN, XAVIER SHORTELL and E. N. SORENSEN.

Driving Award

LEWIS M. CHITTIM, state highway engineer, has announced that the Havre division of the Montana Highway Department had the lowest frequency rate of vehicle accidents in Montana for the year 1969. RICHARD WINTER, shop foreman, received the award.

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In recognition of this fine record the Havre division has received a traffic safety award plaque which is presented annually to the division of the Montana Highway Commission attaining the safest driving record during the preceding year.

The Havre division's rate of accidents was 4.5 per 100,000 miles driven compared with 9.6 over the state.

—Edna Hess, Havre

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BOB BREEDEN, project control coordinator 1, has been on the sick list for three weeks due to surgery.

JOHN HANIUK, assistant chief appraiser, was wed in May. His bride is the former Ruth Sloan.

GENE STETTLER, construction engineer, was married June 20 to the former Barbara Whaley. Gene is also leaving the highway department, and will begin a new position with Waddell Construction in Helena.

DAVID FOSTER, data programmer, is also a newlywed. His bride is Connie McCluskey.

BONNIE JAGERS, data processor 2, has had a series of bad luck, including a sprained ankle, and most recently a bout with pneumonia in the hospital. Following her release from the hospital, Bonnie visited for awhile in Toronto, Canada.

GARY CARMONY, data processor 3, sports a broken collarbone, received while playing softball.

JOANN LARSEN, stenographer, specifications engineer's office, also was a victim of softball, with a broken wrist to slow her typing speed. She is now back to regular speed in both typing and softball.

Former employee DORIS MARSHALL BRAZILL (steno in construction) had a baby boy on May 31. The former "Miss Last Chance Stampede Queen" and her husband, Wayne, live in Elliston.

HOWARD STRATTON, R/W Utilities Engineer, sports a broken heel as a result of an outing with the Boy Scouts.

JOHN J. McCARTHY's daughter Marianne was married recently in a beautiful ceremony. McCARTHY,

estimates supervisor in office engineers, gave his daughter away to Bob Patenode of Yakima, Wash. They will live in Yakima. Jack has two married sons, and still has three more daughters at home.

NICK ROTERING, chief counsel, is proud of his kids these days. His daughter, DIANE, was named the 1970 Outstanding Teenager of Montana, in recognition of her volunteer service to the community and other achievements.

Nick's son, NICK, JR. was admitted to the bar June 8th in a ceremony before the State Supreme Court. NICK senior was permitted to make the motion that admitted his son to practice.

ALLEN JONES, research coordinator in R/W, and his wife recently had their first baby, a boy. Baby is home and doing fine.

HOWARD T. BUSWELL, A. S. H. E.—Administration's son RICHARD received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Oregon Medical School June 12th. He will intern in Denver. RICHARD received a special award for proficiency in diagnostic study.

BOB KELLEY, draftsman in office engineers, is extended sympathy at the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Wilcoxon.

FRANCIS "BUM" TOOMBS, assistant maintenance supervisor, is one of the many Helena headquarters people building his own house. Another is HERB BAUER, data processor, and BOB GWALTNEY, assistant communications engineer. On the other hand, JIM MILLIGAN, radio engineer, is busy building a helicopter!

JULIO MORALES, son of JULIO MORALES, clerk, R/W attorneys, was married May 31st to MISS SUZETTE DUSSAULT of Missoula. Suzette is a former "Miss Helena" and member of the Brewery Theater cast. They will live in Missoula, where the groom is attending U of M law school.

* JOHN HANIUK's daughter, Caryn, age 13, spent some time in Shodair Hospital having a painful foot operation.

Married men don't lie from choice, but their wives persist in asking such darn fool questions.

On March 15th MRS. RAMONA WEBER, wife of STEPHEN WEBER, senior asst. materials engineer, flew to Togo, West

R-W Ass'n News

John P. Kane has gone to work for the Highway Commission in Butte as a right-of-way-agent. John and his family have been residents of Butte for many years. He attended Carroll College in Helena and Creighton College in Nebraska.

Rick Nesson has gone to work for the Montana Highway Commission in Helena as plans coordinator. Rick is from Lewistown. He graduated from the University of Montana in Missoula with a degree in business management.

Donald Cromer also recently went to work for the Montana Highway Commission in Helena as plans coordinator. Don is from Butte, Montana. He has a degree in earth sciences from Montana State University in Bozeman.

Terry A. Diegel, engineering aide II from Glendive, has been selected to fill a posted vacancy for right-of-way office coordinator in the Glendive district office.

Retiring soon?

Employees planning to retire soon, or those who are retired, can continue to receive the CENTERLINE. Just drop us a card or note giving your name and home address or proposed retirement address. Send to CENTERLINE EDITOR, Information Office, Helena.

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Africa to visit their daughter, MRS. JEANETTE EVERMANN. JEANETTE has been in Africa for the past three years, having spent one year with the Peace Corps, then marrying a German volunteer.

On May 20th MRS. WEBER, JEANETTE and baby daughter NATALIE went to Germany where they visited Mr. Evermann's family for two weeks. From Germany they returned to Helena where Mr. Evermann will join them in August. The Evermanns will return to Africa in October where Mr. Evermann is with the Common Market. Mrs. Weber said the whole trip was delightful.

GVW

GEORGE "BUCK" FINLEY, GVW Scale Supervisor, is a top-



notch bowler. Evidence: he won the doubles along with RAY HILT, utility agent, R/W, at the bowling tournament in Miles City, and also had high series. As scale supervisor

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(Statewide), Buck does a lot of traveling. Recently he had a six-week trip with DORIS WANAMAKER, cashier, and MARIANNE NICHWANDER, who is in charge of county registrations. The trio called on 19 county treasurers, five state scale houses, Highway Patrol offices, and highway division offices. Buck and his two companions were in the eastern part of the state, and traveled 1,664 miles in the six days. Earlier in April, the well-traveled trio went on a four-day trip and several one-day trips.

KATHY GAIL USHA S, clerk, GVW, is taking a month-long vacation to New Jersey and West Point.

Planning survey

BOB FALTERMEYER, JR. who is attending Gonzaga University was recently elected President of Associated Students. (Father is BOB FALTERMEYER who works for Planning survey.

DON WILLIAMS welcomed his first grand-daughter on March 16.

DAVID RAMSEY resigned to accept employment in the Advertising Department of the Independent Record.

JEANNE ZUGEL, daughter of MARGARET ZUGEL (father was TONY ZUGEL, employed about 30 years in road plans) graduated from Carroll College with a degree in Med. Tech. Jeanne is now interning at Swedish Hospital in Seattle.

KIM HAHN, son of JAMES HAHN, and MIKE CRIDER, son of

GOLF

THE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY HAS BEEN SET FOR JULY 25th AND 26th. AT LEWISTOWN. BETTER MARK YOUR PERSONAL REMINDERS OR CALENDARS OR WHATEVER, FOR THE REASON THAT (WE ARE TOLD) THIS IS GOING TO BE A HUM-DINGER OF A GOLF TOURNEY!

LEWISTOWN

JULY 25-26

Litter pickup

Typical of the response to litter pickup in the divisions was the effort by Cub Pack 821 at Wolf Point. The Cub Master is Charles Worley, instrumentman for Wolf Point division.

These young Scouts industriously cleaned up the roadside on May 28th, supervised by Assistant Cub Masters and Den Mothers. Vern Baldry and Walter Finkbeiner furnished pickup trucks.



DIVISIONS

CLINTON CRIDER, graduated from Helena High.

HARRY MILLER has returned to work after his surgery.

TISH RAFFERTY has announced the engagement of her son BOB to VICKY COLEMAN. They plan to be married on October 10.

JAMES HAHN has announced the engagement of his daughter CHRISTINE L. HAHN to RICHARD CLABAUGH. Their wedding will be in the fall after Richard has finished his service in the U. S. Army at Aberdeen, Maryland. Miss Hahn is employed at the Federal Reserve Bank.

Captain THOMAS J. DeVINE, son of PAUL DeVINE, planning survey director, is presently checking out on the Phantom 2 reconnaissance plane at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. He will complete his training by July 1 and will then be assigned to Thailand. His wife and family will live in Helena while he completes his overseas assignment.

New employees

Mitzie Alley, advertising; Bruce Bell, bridge; John Broderick, bridge; Mary Jane O'Neal, equipment; Douglas Rushford, GVW; Luella Bennett, materials; David Weldele, planning survey; Lanny Armstrong, preconstruction; Raymond Jacobson, preconstruction; Donald Cromer, right-of-way; Thelma Peppers, R/W; Sherilyn

Stephenson, R/W; Drew S. Anderson, accounting; Donna House, accounting; Kathleen Sullivan, accounting; Susau Hagler, public information; Martin Mouat, administration; Kathryn Wing, advertising; James R. Grace, bridge; Hal G. Harper, construction; Thomas George, data processing; Robert McEachern, equipment; Lloyd R. Dickey, GVW; Colleen Reardon, legal; Clarette LaSalle, personnel; James R. Womack, personnel; James Barfknecht, planning survey; J. Cort Harrington, Jr., planning survey; John P. Kane, Jr., planning survey; David L. Roberts, planning survey; Al F. Harkins, Jr., preconstruction; Deborah Morgan, preconstruction; Robert D. Morgan, preconstruction; Edward Reuter Dahl, preconstruction; Harry Sing, preconstruction; Christian Skretteberg, preconstruction; John Ulberg, preconstruction; Carol L. Dagenais, R/W; Linda Edquest, R/W; John Anderson, traffic; John Marron, traffic; Marcia Foster, accounting; Pamela Smith, accounting; Carol Deschon, accounting;

Turf Finnegan, advertising; Pamela Olson, advertising; Bernard Price, bridge; Richard Cross, equipment; Jeanine Marcure, budget analyst; Kathrine Higgins, GVW; Martin VanMil, hydraulics; Thomas Martin, preconstruction; James Redfern, preconstruction; Joan Jakobson, R/W; Marcia R. Scruton, R/W.

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Terminations

William R. Bruesch, designer 2; George Allison, accountant 3; Dean Walston, GVW patrolman; Genevieve Emery, steno 2; Jack Holt, data programmer; Robert D. Lee, assistant safety director; Luella Bennett, clerk-typist 2; Clair Heacock, GVW patrolman; Robert McCoskery, designer 2; David McFadyean, draftsman 3; Laura Rusek, clerk-typist 2; Marilyn Bratlien, secretary 1; John Crowley, core sampler 2; Theodore Wing, surfacing design-supervisor; Robert Gustine, draftsman 2; Gerald Hauge, core sampler 2; David Ramsey, statistics clerk; Clarence Stanford, maintenance man 4; William Charles Willis, clerk 3; Ella Mae Winfield, steno 2; Jerome Borgen, designer 3; James Coey, GVW patrolman; Henry Helf, GVW scaleman; Patricia Kennedy, steno 1; Karen Lewis, steno 2; Bernard Price, draftsman 2; Frank Simons, serviceman; Wayne Wetherelt, GVW scaleman; Drew Anderson, clerk-typist 2; Carol Deschon, clerk-typist 2; David Fraser, engineer-in-training; Jack Nelson, draftsman 3; Vern Raymond, draftsman 2; Shirley McCauley, key punch operator; Larry Prinkki, geologist 1; Fred Wells, secondary roads engineer, (retired); Margaret Williams, clerk-typist 2; Maureen Delahanty, steno 1; Loren Kovich, draftsman 3; Donald MacPherson, R/W attorney 4; Martin Mouat, clerk 4; Eugene W. Stettler, construction engineer.

—Bev Gibson, Helena

So-o-o-o long!

In other words, it happens after school's out. Myron B. Holzheimer, chief negotiator, Helena headquarters, shown above with his catch, snagged below Glendive in mid June. Myron had been attending a right-of-way workshop in the Gateway city and decided when the work was over he'd better try his luck in the river. The 24-pound paddlefish, he said, is about average.

When the announcer on the Armed Forces radio network finished the newscast, he closed with the correct time. "For you Navy men," he said, "it's now eight bells. For you men in the Army, it's now 0800. And for all you officers," he concluded, "the little hand's on eight and the big hand's on twelve."



Great Falls bowling champs

These obviously happy ladies proudly display their well-won laurels as women champs from the Great Falls division. They are: Phyllis Newton, Jean Strong, Lucy Farry, Barbara Moore and Vera Mans.

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Glendive

Bowlers Yet

A-ha! the Glendive bowlers gave the state some competition this year with ORVILLE JOHNSON, of the Terry crew taking first place in the recent tournament held in Miles City. JOHNSON also took 3rd in the men's all events.

Other winners were DAVID KWASNEY who placed 20th in the singles; FLOYD SCHRAM and ED KESSEL. KESSEL took 8th in the doubles; SCHRAM placed 7th in the men's all events, and MRS. BILL BOHLE placed 9th in the women's singles.

Glendive wishes to take this space to thank Miles City for a well organized and managed tourney. Congratulations, also, to all the winners. Miles City has proven to be a town with a whole lot of fun and surprises!!

We were sorry to hear of the death of JACK RILEY's mother, DOROTHY K. RILEY, who passed away May 21, 1970 at Miles City.

Our sympathies are extended to the family.

I-94-6(14) 209 Unit 1 was completed and accepted May 14, 1970. I-94-6(17) seeding, was completed June 2, 1970. Both were under the direction of DAVID A. McCLOY.

Military

DARRELL HOOVER, GORDON FOLEY, ROSS MAJOR and JAMES SKILLESTAD military vacation

Promotions

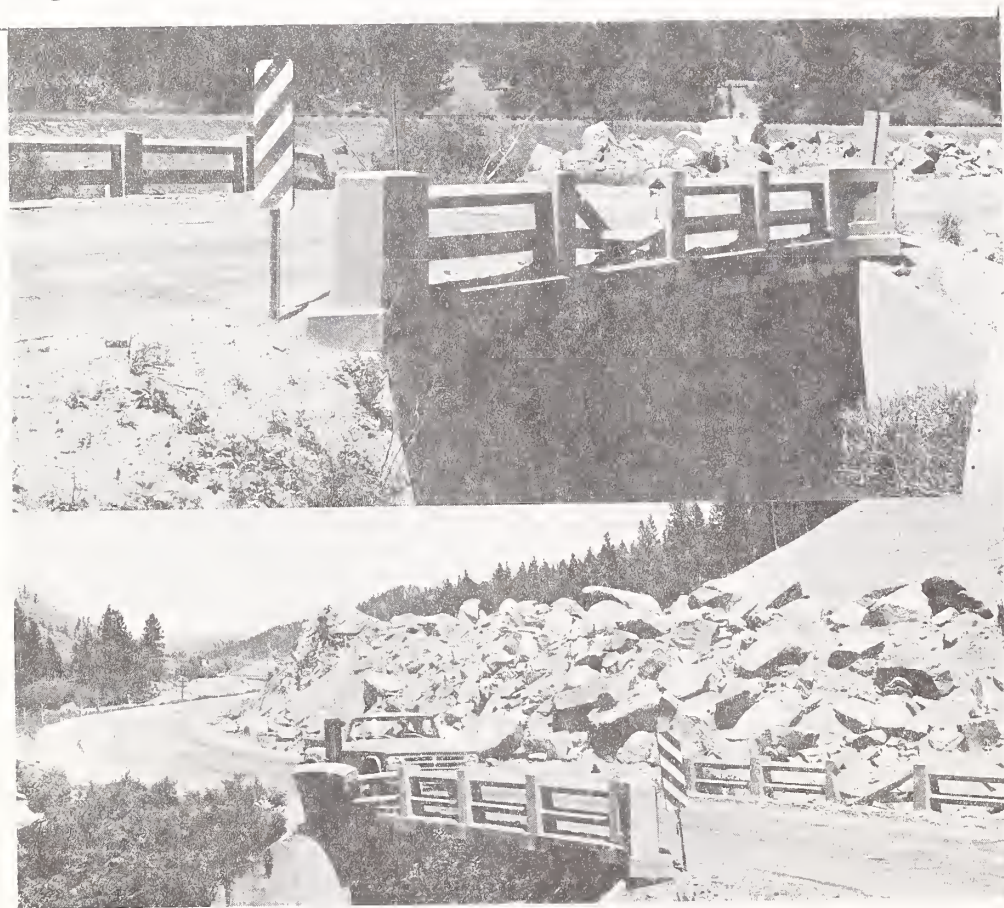
The Glendive division is proud to announce the promotions of twelve of our men who include: DEAN BORGES and ARTHUR KUNTZ, resident engineer II's; KENNETH G. QUALE, resident engineer I; DAVID D. KWASNEY, KARL P. OVERLIE and RAYMOND G. SIEGLE made instrumentmen; DARRELL H. MEEK, RICKEY D. MILLER, DAROLD D. REINHART and CLIFFORD T. TENNANT made rodmen and JONNIE L. ASKIN and JAMES F. GEORGE, engineering aide II's.

Also, in the R/W division, GORDON FOLEY and ROGER SZUDERA were promoted to R/W agent I.

The S-347(14), Alzada-Ekalaka project completed the plant mix operations June 9, 1970. DENNIS TENNEY and part of the crew will be coming into Glendive to start work on the Wibaux Street Location. DON WILLIAMS and rest of the crew will be working on S-347 (15) location during the 21 day curing period.

BERNIE KELLY, DAROLD REINHART, LANGE, ENGLE and GRANDLUND are at Culbertson helping Wolf Point's JIM BALDWIN, resident engineer II, with plant mix operations. They started work May 18, 1970 and will be up there for 3 or 4 weeks.

—Carole Ritz, Glendive



"Old Suicide" done for!

The day after these pictures were taken late in June, old Suicide Bridge was taken out of service. Vehicle traffic was routed over a new section of the Interstate on the Clancy-South project.

It is easy to see why motorists in the area will breathe a vast sigh of relief, because this venerable old structure was one that required a

driver to have hands on wheel, eyes on road, mind totally alert to what was happening, otherwise things started to deteriorate fast. Opposing motorists needed to demonstrate absolute accuracy to share the bridge (and the miss just had to be measured in inches).

The structure, built in 1929-30, spanned the Prickly Pear Creek, and gave drivers fits over the years with its 20-foot width and 31-feet of length . . . and its sudden appearance out of a curve.

JOHN WALKER, mechanic, was awarded a certificate and pin for having taught and certified 100 hunter safety students.

EDWARD ANDEREGG, engineering aide II, underwent surgery recently: and is recuperating nicely.

MR. and MRS. KEN JORGENSEN are the proud parents of a baby boy born in March. Mother and baby are doing fine, but KEN's condition for a time created much anxiety among his fellow workers.

As a retaliatory measure for not taking first place in the men's team

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event of the Miles City bowling tournament, we post a challenge that one of our teams had the most seniority of any entered! Briscoe's Brats, composed of the following members and tenure: BEN BRISCOE, 33 years; LARRY LESOFSKI, 21 years; DALE MOORE, 24 years; HARRY STRONG, 18 years; SONNY FARRY, 28 years. Total 124 years. Can any team top that? That's all for now.

—Pat Bristol, Great Falls

Bozeman

HUP DAVIS and ELLIOTT BARKELL were presented 20 year pins from A.F.S.C.M.E. Local 1621 by president LARRY WILLIAMS in April. These pins represent 20 years continuous membership in the local.

KENNETH JONES took over BERT MOORE'S duties as maintenance foreman on April 1, 1970, when Bert retired after 36 years service with the Department.

BILL STEELE's daughter, LYNDA, recently received a scholarship from the International Association of Machinists. This scholarship gives her \$1,000 a year for four years at the school of her choice for the degree of her choice. Lynda is planning to attend MSU and will major in pure math.

A picnic was held at Lindley Park on May 29th for JAY RANDALL and BILL HASCH who have transferred out of the division. Jay has gone into the Helena office and Bill has gone to the Great Falls division with promotions for both.

HUP DAVIS and WARREN PITMAN were presented with service awards in the Bozeman office for 25 years and 10 years respectively. Cake

Short, but to the point

Recently the information office in Helena received a paid telephone call from Mr. Joshua Doe, Rensselaer, New York.

The caller said, disgustedly: "I've had it. I'm coming to Montana. I wish I was there right now. Please send all travel literature for me and my trailer!"

Literature and best wishes mailed within the hour.

and ice cream were served on this occasion.

GEORGE SPROUT found an old Great White Way sign about twenty miles south of Ennis on U.S. 287. These signs were used in the Twenties to connect Yellowstone and Glacier Parks. They had an arrow with a Y on one end and a G on the other end.

Summer additions in the Bozeman division are TEX TAYLOR, JAY GROEPPER, DON DUNTSCHE, LARRY CLINTON, ROGER VICK, BRUCE PETERSON, GARY HARKIN, MAX CARPENTER, JIM KNUDSON, FRANK RUST, BILL STRIZICH, JACK HARELAND, ALAN TOWLERTON, YALE LYMAN, HARRY HOWARD, TOM FERGUSON, and WILLARD DAELLENBACH. BART HOWELLS has transferred in from the Missoula division.

BILL NIMMONS has been promoted to resident engineer II effective May 18.

Lots of people have been on the sick list including: BERT MOORE, BOB CRAIG, HUP DAVIS, RAY FOSS, ED WILSON, GEORGE LEMON, HAROLD ROBY.

—Barbara McGuire, Bozeman

Wolf Point

Various members of the Wolf Point highway department of Wolf Point and the surrounding area, gathered at the Elks Club for dinner on May 16th to honor VIRGINIA SCHUETZ HAGEMANN. Virginia submitted her resignation effective April 24th after completing sixteen years of service. She was first employed by the Wolf Point Office as stenographer in May of 1954, and in June of 1955 was promoted to status of clerk to fill a vacancy left by a resignation. She had been employed in the capacity of clerk until the present time.

Virginia was married to Fred Hagemann on May 1st and has gone to Edmonton, Canada to live. We hope she will drop in on us on her visits to the States and we wish her and her husband every happiness.

—Ollie Hauge, Wolf Point

A reckless driver drives like he owns the road. A careful driver drives like he owns his car.

Lewis Chittim gets Engineering Science degree

An Engineering Science Engineer degree was conferred upon Lewis M. Chittim, state highway engineer, Sunday, June 7 at the 70th commencement exercises at Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, Butte.

Dr. Edwin G. Koch, president of the college, said that in order to receive the degree, the recipient must have been engaged in a professional engineering career for at least ten years, the last five in a responsible capacity, and must have contributed in an outstanding manner to his profession. Six other engineers received professional degrees at the ceremony.

Chittim was born in Bozeman and attended Intermountain Union College in Helena. He began working with the Montana State Highway Commission in 1929 as a chainman and later became a rodman and an instrumentman. Between 1942 and 1944 he was in the U. S. Corps of Engineers. In 1946 he returned to the highway department where he was project engineer, division construction engineer, district engineer, right-of-way engineer, construction engineer, and presently is state highway engineer.

His publications include an article which appeared in the *Montana Conference on Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering* entitled "Compaction Problems Prevalent in Montana," and another entitled "Coordination Between Right of Way and Other Divisions," taken from *Acquisition for Right-of-Way*, American Association of State Highway Officials.

He is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Montana Society of Professional Engineers, and received the Outstanding Engineer Award, 1968 National Society of Professional Engineers, and Boss of the Year, 1969, American Business Women's Association.

Late in June, Chittim was appointed by President Fugate of AASHO to the association's Planning and Design Policy Committee. Chittim will replace Forrest Cooper, Oregon state highway engineer, who will retire in August.

Put all your money into taxes. It's the only thing sure to go up.

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Seminar

Twenty men attended seminars on various inspection techniques with special instruction on proctor and compaction tests, gravel testing, seeding and fertilizing. With the construction season open, asphalt inspection was also stressed.

Instructors were DAN WHITE, lab supervisor; HARVEY PETERSON, HOWARD KLOVSTAD and PHIL BELL. Assisting with the demonstrations was HAROLD PRELLE.

KEN HARTMAN, instructor, announced that eight employees finished basic engineering school this

According to the Highway Research Board, the addition of a trailer to any car multiplies the risk of an accident by 400%.

spring. They are: WILLIAM KELLY, DENNIS EMMERICK, ELDRIDGE BAILEY, WILLIAM MEINHARDT, HERB NOENNING, JAMES TOMPKINS, STANLEY KROHMER and RALEIGH NEWELL.

Promotions:

Congratulations are in order for: RAYMOND J. SCHAAK who was promoted to resident engineer I and MICHAEL PERTILE and HERBERT OTTMAN who were promoted to instrumentmen.

STAN KROHMER and DEAN BEMIS passed the rodman test, THEODORE OLSEN the bridge inspector test, ALBERT D. DENGEL and JAMES STONER the resident engineer I test and GLEN BROWN and JAMES RANGITSCH passed the resident engineer I bridge test.

PHIL BELL—lab., will join the Billings Gazette photo staff. (We note Phil is doing a great job with the Gazette).

VERN GREY, safety engineer has moved to Billings. Vern will take over BOB LEE's position. Vern and Lila Grey I'm sure will find Billings a nice place to live.

Engineer in training, THOMAS ROSSETTO. Tom is working with resident engineer KEN BOWER-SOX at Columbus on structures.

Summer help:

MARY GLYNN GEORGE is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. George (Sonny O'Day) of Laurel, Montana. This is her second summer working for the Montana Highway Commission. She is enrolled at the University of Montana in Missoula. She is a junior, majoring in English with a double minor in journalism and Italian.



MARY

As executive officer of Angel Flight (1st in command), she is on tours throughout the state and the northwest. She was on the winning team that took first place in the northwest college competitions in Seattle and Spokane. MARY GLYNN is an officer of Delta Gamma social sorority, participates in intermural campus sports, was a candidate in the Miss University of Montana pageant, and serves on the Academic Commission.



Miss Montana Highways becomes Miss Highway 287

Early last month, when the colorful Highway 287 Association caravan drove into Helena for the group's 1970 annual convention, they did something special to emblazon the event: they not only met and had banquets, and toured places of interest in the Capitol City, and elected the new officers for the year, but they also

named our Miss Montana Highways, Sue Holloron, as Miss Highway 287.

Miss Holloron joined the group at the Colonial Club for lunch on Sunday, the 7th. At brief ceremonies there Sue was given her honorary title. She congratulated caravan members for their purposefulness and thanked them for asking her to meet with them and share in their official assembly activities.

The following day, almost all caravan members continued on to their destination—Anchorage.



SHARON

SHARON FARRELL attends Eastern Montana College in Billings. Her favorite hobbies are karate, sewing and outdoor sports.

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SHARON is engaged to be married in September, Sorry Fellows!

MARY GLYNN and SHARON both help in the front office.

KATHY WEIDINGER attends Montana State University in Bozeman; is a sophomore with a major in commerce under the secretarial option. Her hobbies are sewing, outdoor sports and bowling.

KATHY



Guard Duty:

Those attending: JOHN NEUDICK, KEN PETERSON and STANLEY KROHMER. Boise, Idaho.

Billings Picnic:

WALT WARD, chairman, said that for \$1.00 the entire family is entitled to attend. There will be ice cream, pop and special prizes for the kids. Adults might even find some cold beer. The dinner is a pot luck affair. Bring your own dishes and silverware. Come all and have a good time! July 19th, South Park, Billings.

CHARLES PETERSON, son of HARVEY PETERSON, lab., is in Viet Nam, and is near the Cambodian border. Charles entered the service in June of 1969 and has been overseas since Christmas of 1969.

NED HAMLEY entered the hospital to have a pacemaker checkup and is back to work. Ned said his body rejected the pacemaker and if that isn't enough, his home was broken into a short time ago, some damage was done to a window; then a coin collection was stolen along with several other small items. Police report a suspect is under investigation.

Quartette Winners:

Two employees, members of the Billings Barber Shop Singers attended the Twin Falls, Idaho Chorus Contest. WILLIAM WOOLSTON, maintenance supervisor, and WALT

WARD, designer, sang in the divisional chorus contest along with 36 other members. The affair was a long weekend deal, with the Billings Chorus claiming a First Place Trophy.

The Coaches:

JACK LIEDLE, lab, starts 6th year coaching Little League Baseball. Jack is in the minors again after coaching all the way around; he's in Central Heights.

HERB HUNT, shop, coaches the minor league team at Rimrock. TED WEISS, shop, coaches the major league. RODDO BAKICH also coaches the minor league.

MRS. PAT KITTLESAN, wife of resident engineer DON KITTLESAN, is secretary of the Central Heights Little League and also chairman of the concessions.



Award:

WALT WARD recently received his 30 year pin from District Engineer C. R. MACKEY. WALT had a personal letter from Lewis M. Chittim, state engineer, congratulating him on his 30 years of faithful service.

Litter Certificates:

Seven area schools and civic groups received certificates of appreciation signed by Governor Forrest Anderson, Highway Commission Chairman J. M. Nass and State Highway Engineer Lewis M. Chittim: Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America, Absarokee, Senior class of Laurel, Senior class of Billings Central Catholic High School; students of Roberts High School, the Fourth grade students at Hardin, the Hardin Jaycees, Huntley High School students, the Huntley Lions Club and last but not least the stu-

dents of Columbus High School and the Future Farmers of America, Columbus



GLEN BROWN transfers to Havre. Glen will take over a resident engineer position in Havre.

—Jim Young, Billings

Kalispell

With the advent of the summer months, opening of fishing season, and start of construction and summer maintenance, news about the division is harder to come by than a good five cent cigar. The greatest portion of the news can be summed up in a four-letter word, "work."

One or two fortunates who do not have a house to paint or a lawn to take care of or a small patch of weeds to cultivate take up more intriguing hobbies. Among the latter is our own "ARNIE" WAYNE GRYDE, the pater with the putter, who collected another mantle dust-collector by taking the first annual KGEZ golf tournament with a 150 for 36 holes. Thought it might be wise to forewarn those planning to slip over to Lewistown for the highway tourney July 25th.

KEITH McFARLANE thought the scenery at Lookout Pass was much nicer than the view in the Construction department here and transferred into maintenance as sectionman.

HOWARD FAULEY had a slight dispute with the steel bridge in Bad Rock Canyon, which sent his pickup in for some repairs and HOWARD to the Antiseptic Hotel for a week or so. Last report he is doing fine and the only complaint being that they store the bedpans in the fridge.

RAY (PETE) SPURZEM, better known as RAMROD spent a short stay with the gals in starched white also. Bounced back and he and HAZEL continue to enjoy retirement

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at their home northwest of Kalispell.

We would like to offer a bit of tribute to our Office Engineer



LOREN DOLLAN who has so often boosted morale with his talented artwork and his terrific wit. His cartoons are well known to most in the Highway department but he has the knack to work with any media capable of reproduction to portray early western life, wildlife or outdoor life. His ability to show detail comes from a keen observation of everything about him and he is an avid reader of early history, and all his pictures are detailed to the time and place. Whether it be on canvas, paper, velvet, or even an old moose horn, or if it be done with

oil, pen, pastel or charcoal, he is able to produce a picture that is always pleasing to the eye. His fame is beginning to spread and he now has an agent selling his works and these are being purchased in all sections of the country. It is a bit of a surprise when you visit his home, not to find it full of pictures and sketches; they move too fast to build up any inventory. His cartoons that contain so much wit are always in good taste. "Humor for all and malice toward none." (Sorry about that, Abe.) His hobbies away from the easel include hunting and fishing, from which he gleans much of the material for his wildlife paintings. LOREN is both soft and seldom spoken, his quiet manner belies the terrific knowledge of life. Like his wife, EILEEN, and his daughter, TANDY, we also think he is "the greatest."

—Pat Henderson, Kalispell

Miles City

DON GATLIN has been awarded a plaque by the Montana Fish and Game Commission for having served as Powder River County Chief Instructor for the hunter safety program for over three years. GATLIN has taught over 85 students in the safety courses.

MR. and MRS. CHRIS SAKELARIS are parents of a baby boy who arrived April 10, 1970 in a Miles City hospital. He has been named JERRY CHRIS. CHRIS is a roddman with CLAUDE TAYLOR's crew with headquarters at Broadus.

A baby boy who answers to the name of JOSH ANDREW was born to MR. and MRS. TIM STRATTON April 10, 1970, in a Miles City hospital. Little JOSH is the first baby in the family. TIM is an engineering aide I with RAY GARLAND's crew headquartered at Miles City.

The Miles City 9th Annual Bowling Tournament was a big success and the weatherman cooperated a little by providing some sunshine for at least one day. Statistically speaking, there were 53 teams, 262 singles and 131 doubles in the tournament. Approximately 300 attended the banquet on Saturday evening. The committee thanks everyone who participated and who

helped to make it such a whopping good event.

Sympathy is extended to JUNE CLARK, sectionman at Forsyth, in the very sudden and unexpected death of his brother, VELMER CLARK, prominent businessman of Miles City.

VICKI SEILER, daughter of CONNIE and DEAN SEILER, division maintenance supervisor, and DOUGLAS BISHOP, son of MR. and MRS. RAY BISHOP, Miles City were married in a candlelight service at the United Methodist Church, Miles City, on May 2, 1970. The couple makes their home in Billings where DOUG is in the sales field and plans to attend Eastern Montana College this fall.

The proud parents of a new baby girl are MR. and MRS. CLIFFORD F. BROWN, engineering aide I in the Miles City division. The new daughter, the first child in the family, has been named CYNTHIA MARIE and was born May 4, 1970 in a Miles City hospital.

JOAN SWEENEY, assistant West Coast Bureau manager of CBS Television News, was one of five young business and professional women honored by the Soroptimist Club of Los Angeles as Women of Achievement. JOAN is the daughter of JEAN SWEENEY, Miles City.

Sympathy is extended to RAY POTTER, instrumentman in the Miles City division in the untimely death of his brother GARY, who passed away in a Miles City hospital February 22, 1970.

OSCAR OLSEN, long time employee of the State Highway Commission at Miles City, passed away recently.

—Jean Sweeney, Miles City

Montana represented at traffic conference

Five member of Paul Poirier's traffic engineering section attended a Traffic Engineers' Conference late in May at Jackson, Wyoming. In addition to Poirier, members included Greg Jackson, Lee Cloninger, Arthur Phipps and Harry Laurer.

About 50 traffic and technicians attended the conference and represented the states of Montana, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado.



Willard Ferch does it again

Willard Ferch, maintenance man 2 in the Miles City Division, with headquarters at Ingomar, won the District 12 OLD TIME FIDDLERS CONTEST held May 15, at Miles City during the Bucking Horse Contest Days. He now goes to the National Finals at Weiser, Idaho, along with winners in Wyoming, Montana and North Dakota. Willard has won many contests in fiddling.

—Jean Sweeney